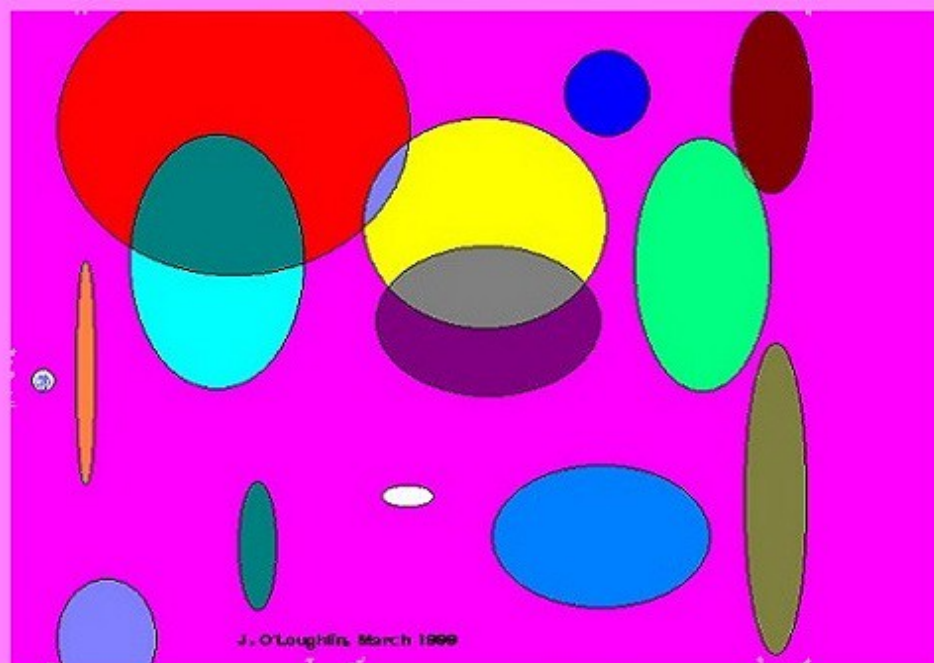


CONTEMPLATIVE ABSTRACTS

(Collected Abstract Poems)



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PREFACE

These abstract poems, which I prefer to call 'superpoems' and tend to regard as a species of 'poetic word sculpture', aren't intended to be read but simply ... *contemplated*. They are not concerned with the expression of a literary sentiment, ideal, or opinion, but with the creation of a poetic *impression*. Thus they are purely abstract and intimate, no matter how simply or humbly, of a divine prospect, a truly transcendent order. For ordered they assuredly are, and this is what elevates them above the merely anarchic status of expressionistic abstraction.

Their origins lie in three books of so-called *Contemplations* (1985), a book entitled *Supercontemplations* (1993), and another book entitled *Ultracontemplations* (1994), the latter two of which are books four and five of the current compilation.

They all differ from my first volume of abstract poems, simply entitled *Abstracts* (1983), in that they are entirely non-readerly (or non-representational) and closer to the spirit of modern art in consequence. Hence the title *Contemplative Abstracts*, as a species of abstract poetry which simply requires, as intimated above, to be contemplated.

In that respect, they not only stand beyond my first collection of abstract poems, but effectively beyond poetry itself, serving as a handmaiden to the utmost metaphysical philosophy.

John O'Loughlin, London 2007 (Revised 2022)

CONTEMPLATIONS BOOK ONE

1

cot dot pot dot cot
dot pot cot pot dot
pot cot dot cot pot
cot pot cot pot cot
dot cot pot dot dot
pot cot cot pot pot

2

wink pink pink sink
wink pink pink sink
wink link link sink
wink link link sink
pink sink sink pink
pink sink sink pink
link wink wink link
link wink wink link

3

gag rag rag rag hag
gag lag lag lag hag
gag mag mag mag hag
rag gag lag hag mag
rag gag lag hag mag
rag gag lag hag mag

4

race race face face
race race face face
pace pace lace lace
pace pace lace lace
face face face face
race race race race
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pace pace pace pace
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5

sip sip sip dip dip dip
dip dip dip sip sip sip
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sip sip sip dip dip dip
dip dip dip sip sip sip

6

rest rest best best best best rest rest
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7

sop sop sop hop hop hop
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Moore Yeats Wilde Synge Joyce
Yeats Wilde Synge Joyce Moore
Joyce Synge Wilde Yeats Moore
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Joyce Moore Yeats Wilde Synge
Moore Yeats Wilde Synge Joyce
Yeats Wilde Synge Joyce Moore

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sap sap sap sap sap sap
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fame fame fame fame fame fame fame fame
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prick prick stick stick stick
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pound give not live ounce
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